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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks Examiner for the detailed Office Action dated June 13, 2005. In response to the issues raised, Applicant offers the following submissions.

Claims 1, 3 and 4 - Obviousness

Claims 1, 3 and 4 stand rejected as obvious in light of US 5,894,326 to McIntyre et al, in view of US 5,233,414 to Kojima, in further view of US 5,999,203 to Cane et al.

The Applicant respectfully disagrees. The cited disclosures fail to support a rejection under the provisions of 35 USC§103 as there is no motivation to combine their respective teachings. In fact, the primary reference (McIntyre) teaches away from the proposed combination. McIntyre's stated object (col. 2, lines 9-12) is a camera that provides hard copies of the captured images by direct optical printing so they are "free from artifacts and without noise caused by either electronic systems or by printer systems which moves media past a print head". Hence the incorporation of an inkjet printhead (as disclosed in Cane) is directly counter to the teachings of McIntyre.

In light of the above, the citations motivate the skilled worker not to combine their respective teachings. Accordingly, the combination of features defined by claim 1 is not obvious in light of the prior art. Similarly, claims 3 and 4 are also non-obvious by virtue of their appendage from claim 1.

Claim 2 - Obviousness

McIntyre is also the primary reference in the §103 rejection of claim 2. Therefore it follows that claim 2 is likewise non-obvious as the citations do not motivate the skilled worker to combine their respective disclosures.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been successfully traversed. The Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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